

Date of Hearing: June 15, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 224 (Dixon) – As Introduced June 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Social Media Harms Victim Remembrance Day.

SUMMARY: Designates June 23, 2026, as Social Media Harms Victim Remembrance Day in the State of California to honor the individuals who have lost their lives and have suffered harm because of social media; and, reaffirms the commitment to protecting individuals from harm in digital spaces and promoting a culture of respect, empathy, and responsibility online. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The internet has revolutionized the ability to exchange information, improved the accessibility of education, reduced the costs of health care through telehealth, and stimulated the national economy by providing millions of jobs and trillions of dollars in gross product each year.
- 2) Social media has become central to modern communication, bringing together people from across the globe. Social media presents significant risks, especially to adolescents, including the perpetuation and promotion of harmful and dangerous behaviors and connections.
- 3) Teenagers spend at least eight hours on screens per day, on average. Ninety-three percent of teenagers use social media. Fifty-three percent of teenagers spend nearly five hours on social media each day.
- 4) Countless individuals and families have suffered harms, including death, because of experiences on social media platforms, including cyberbullying, harassment, exposure to sex trafficking, and exploitation.
- 5) Social media has been linked to an increase in illicit drug poisoning and overdose-related deaths. Social media use has been linked to self-harming behavior and suicidal ideation in youth.
- 6) It is vital to recognize and honor the experiences of those who have been harmed by social media, including the victims, survivors, and their families.
- 7) Commemorating Social Media Harms Victim Remembrance Day provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the detrimental effects of social media and to advocate for measures to effectively mitigate these harms.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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